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Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

In December 1974, the Congress passed a set of amendments to the Foreign Assistance Act. The amendments provided inter alia:

Limitations on intelligence activities—(a) no funds appropriated under authority of this or any other Act may be expended by or on behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency for operations in foreign countries, other than activities intended solely for obtaining necessary intelligence, unless and until the President finds that each such operation is important to the national security of the United States and reports, in a timely fashion, a description and scope of such operation to the appropriate committees of Congress, including the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the United States House of Representatives (b) the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply during military operations initiated by the United States under a declaration of war approved by the Congress or an exercise of powers by the President under the War Powers Resolution.¹²³

